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IRELAND FAILS TO ACT ON TREATY

Dail Eireann Adjourns Until January Without Having Accepted Peace Proposal

Dublin, Dec. 22 (By the Associated Press).—The Dail Eireann, by a vote of 77 to 44, decided late today on a motion submitted by Michael Collins to adjourn further debate on the Irish treaty until Tuesday, January 3. It was not the motion itself, but an amendment to the motion, on which the vote was actually taken. The amendment, introduced and seconded by opponents of the treaty, called for continuance of sitting day and evening until action was taken on the treaty's ratification or rejection.

The defeat of the amendment automatically decided the motion. With few exceptions, so far as could be observed, the vote followed the party lines of those favoring or opposing the treaty.

Nobody tonight believes, of course, that if a vote had been taken on the treaty itself the majority would have been so great as the vote on the adjournment notices gave it supporters, but there is not doubt in the minds of those who have been carefully following the debates that this vote roughly approximates the sentiments for and against the treaty. As many of the deputies on both sides, especially the country members, disliked the idea of the debate continuing through Christmas and voted for adjournment in order that they might get home for the holidays.

In fact, Countess Markiewicz, one of the strongest opponents of the treaty, seconded Mr. Collins' proposal, apparently having in mind as indicated by a satirical seconding speech, the possibility of the debate continuing through Christmas day and night and overlooking the possibility of a party division on the motion.

Mr. Collins showed eagerness to rush his motion through to quick division. He summarily checked Mr. Mayo, who interrupted the taking of the vote to have the question cleared up as to whether deputies representing two constituencies should have two votes. Mr. Collins declared that he would not hear of having the fate of Ireland decided on the question of a technicality.

When it became apparent that there was to be a party line up on the vote the atmosphere became tense with excitement. Many of the spectators failed to understand the significance of the proceedings and the greatest bewilderment was manifested upon the announcement of the result of the vote. De Valera's face was stern and grim when the figures were announced. Considerable emotion was shown by Collins and his adherents. Desmond Fitzgerald, minister of propaganda, who supports the treaty, said tonight he believed that not more than ten opponents of the treaty voted for adjournment, indicating a majority of 13 for the treaty.

Pierce Beasley, an active Sinn Feiner, who intended to speak this afternoon for ratification, informed The Associated Press correspondents here today before the vote was taken that he could not make a guess on the outcome of the treaty, but believes that "the fate of Ireland is trembling in the balance."

Ennis, Ireland, Dec. 22 (By the Associated Press).—The Clare county council, the constituency of Eamonn De Valera, today voted 17 to 5 in favor of the treaty between Ireland and Great Britain and requested Mr. De Valera to use his influence for the maintenance of national unity.

The resolution admitted that there were grave objections to the treaty, but declared that there was no rational alternative to its acceptance.

"Rejection of the treaty," says the resolution, "would be almost certain to involve us in a war to annihilation, because our people will be divided, and because world opinion, instead of being with us at present, will be against us."

Copies of the resolution were sent to Mr. De Valera and other Clare representatives.

MAYOR HYLAN FACES JAIL SENTENCE

New York Officials Charged With Illegal Use of Public Funds

New York, Dec. 23.—Mayor Hylan and other members of the city board of estimates face a jail sentence for contempt of court unless they restore to the city budget before December 25th \$3,000,000 alleged to have been illegally deducted from the civil service pension funds.

Henry Watterson Laid to Rest

Simple Services Held in Jacksonville With Only Family Present

Jacksonville, Dec. 23.—Henry Watterson rested today from his labors. With only the members of his family present and the hour of the service unannounced his body was placed in a vault to remain until spring, when it will be taken to Louisville where it will be buried by his mother and father.

Relief For Starving Russians

President Harding Signed Twenty Million Appropriation Bill

Washington, Dec. 23.—President Harding today signed the Russian relief bill, carrying appropriations of \$20,000,000 to be expended by American relief administration, the funds becoming immediately available.

Pinewood Will Organize

Farmers Aroused to Necessity of Diversification and Cooperation

Chairman A. C. Phelps of the Sumter County Committee of Progress, County Agent J. Frank Williams and E. I. Reardon, secretary of the Sumter Chamber of Commerce, will assist in the organization of the ninety-five square miles of Pinewood section into a systematic plan of crop diversification, co-operative marketing, creamery and live stock industries at a big mass meeting soon to be held at the auditorium of the Pinewood Graded and High School building in the town of Pinewood. The Young Men's Business League of Sumter will also name a speaker and co-worker in this movement.

Mr. DesChamps and Mr. Briggs of Pinewood called on the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce Thursday and requested that speakers and plans be furnished for the organization along the lines of diversification suggested by Clemson College and being put into effect as far as possible by the joint activities of the Committee of Progress, Young Men's Business League and the Sumter Chamber of Commerce by meetings, publications and bulletin information throughout Sumter county. Messrs. Briggs and DesChamps promised to have committees appointed to whom up the coming meeting at Pinewood and said that this section is wide-awake to the necessity of organization and co-operative marketing, truck growing, canning factories, butter-fat production, sweet potato curing and storage houses and other live at home methods.

That is the community and township spirit necessary to get things going for next year's agricultural and business activities in Sumter and in adjoining counties of Lee and Clarendon. The three organizations above mentioned feel that Clarendon and Lee counties are within the legitimate scope of the activities of these bodies, and will gladly cooperate with Lee and Clarendon county farmers if called upon to do so.

Shortage of Ministers

Episcopal Church Faces a Serious Problem

New York, Dec. 23.—The Episcopal church faces a serious problem through the decrease in the number of young ministers, there being only one minister to twenty-five hundred communicants in the country, the investigating commission reported.

somewhat befogged," retorted the counts.

"I did not," shouted Mr. Collins at the top of his voice.

GOV. COOPER PARDONING PRISONERS

Christmas Gifts to Many Convicts on Recommendation of Pardon Board

Columbia, Dec. 23.—Governor Cooper today granted executive clemency to many prisoners of the penitentiary. Included in the list are several murderers, and it is probable that during the afternoon he will issue a pardon to Dan Murphy, dean of the state penitentiary. The pardon board made its recommendations to the governor this afternoon, and the recommendation was made that Dan Murphy be pardoned. Murphy is the man sent to the pen a quarter of a century ago for the alleged murder of County Treasurer Cope. Of Orangeburg, who stated to this correspondent, last week, that he did not want a pardon, and would not take it if it were granted.

The governor will likely pardon Murphy, though he had not reached a decision up to three o'clock this afternoon.

Railroads Waste Much Money

Labor Leader Lauck Asserts That Two Billions Could Be Saved Yearly

Washington, Dec. 2.—"A saving of \$2,000,000,000 annually in the operating costs of the railroads of the country might be realized if the earnings of the roads were not improperly diverted," W. Jett Lauck, identified with the American Federation of Labor, declared tonight in reply to a statement issued in Chicago on Tuesday by C. H. Markham, president of the Illinois Central railroad, who took exception to what he termed "a campaign of abuse" by certain labor leaders.

Mr. Markham in a public statement to the employees of his road criticized the testimony before a senate committee recently of Mr. Lauck "of the railway employees' department, American Federation of Labor," and others as being "without a shred of evidence." He further suggested that should his employees, after their leaders to the testimony of their leaders to be unwarranted, that they "as honest men publicly disavow the men who thus misrepresent you."

Mr. Lauck in his statement tonight said that if President Markham and other railway executives hope to retain the loyalty and cooperation of their employees "they should be scrupulous in ascertaining and stating the truth frankly and openly." He said that the constructive policy of the railroads had only embraced three points which he classified as "abusive attacks upon all those who speak for the employees, the reduction of railway wages and the grabbing from the public treasury of the largest sums obtainable." Such "a selfish, restricted and evasive policy," he added, "will not stand the test of public scrutiny and can not long endure."

Action of Marine Approved

Mail Car Guard Who Shot Two Students at Denmark Did Duty

Washington, Dec. 23.—The post office department has approved the reports of Marine Guard Carl W. Mays, who shot and wounded two college students, near Denmark, S. C., on December 15th, following their refusal to leave the train.

Naval Ratio Definitely Accepted

Premier Briand Sends Formal Acceptance to Ambassador Jusserand

Paris, Dec. 23.—Premier Briand has sent Ambassador Jusserand, in a definite acceptance of the capital ship ratio. France maintains her position regarding submarines and coast defense ships, although she is willing to negotiate.

WIRELESS FIRE ALARM SYSTEM

New York, Dec. 23.—Wireless telegraphy was used today for the first time to summon firemen, but it proved a false alarm.

FAVORABLE TO RATIFICATION OF TREATY

London, Dec. 23.—The Dail Eireann's adjournment until January 3rd is considered here as favorable for the ratification of the peace treaty.

Napoleon met his Waterloo and every shirt meets its laundry.

TAX REFORM COMMITTEE MEETING

To Put in Motion Machinery to Bring About Reform Program in the State

Columbia, Dec. 24.—To put in motion the machinery which will bring about the tax reform program of the state, which was adopted at a meeting of tax payers held in Columbia last week, a meeting of the executive committee of the new Tax Payers' Association is to be held in Columbia next Thursday, at 11 o'clock. The meeting will be held with the view of perfecting a program to be submitted to the 1922 legislature, which convenes January 10.

C. W. Coker, of Hartsville, is chairman of the executive committee of the new association. Other members of the committee are Mrs. F. S. Munsell and John I. Rice, of Columbia; Hon. E. W. Dabbs, of Mayesville; C. C. Wharton, of Greenville; H. C. Harley, mayor of Greenville; B. F. McLeod, of Charleston; W. B. DeLoach, of Camden; C. P. Hodges, of Marlboro, and J. D. Prothro, of Aiken.

The new tax program was initiated at a meeting in Columbia on December 14. In sending out his call for the committee meeting in Columbia, Mr. Coker says: "The question of taxes is imminent and urgent, and if the program of the tax payers' association is to be made effective at the next meeting of the general assembly, we will be obliged to act promptly."

The Tax Payers' Association is a spontaneous development of sentiment among the people demanding tax reform to meet the necessarily increasing cost of government and the need for additional sources of revenue. The main idea in the entire program is the creation of new sources of revenue without increasing the per capita burden of taxation. To reach property not now being taxed is described as the "big idea" in the new movement.

The main planks in the platform adopted at the meeting in Columbia on the 14th, and to be further considered when the committee meets next Thursday, are as follows:

1. The enactment of certain changes in the constitution proposed at the 1921 session of the legislature.
 2. The enactment of a tax on gasoline.
 3. The creation of an occupation tax.
 4. The enactment of an inheritance tax law.
 5. An increase in the corporation license tax.
 6. An income tax, based on the principles of the federal income tax law, not to exceed ten per cent of the total federal tax assessed against each tax payer.
 7. The elimination, as far as possible, of all taxes on tangible and visible property for the support of the state government.
- The tax situation in South Carolina will be the biggest problem before the legislature next year. It is expected that legislation will be enacted which will be of an unusual nature, and the forthcoming session is expected to go down in the state's history as a remarkable sitting.

Negroes To Be Barred

From Patronizing House of Representatives Restaurant

Washington, Dec. 22.—Protest against the practice of permitting negroes to patronize the house of representatives restaurant was made today by Representative Aswell, Democrat, Louisiana. In a letter to Chairman Ireland, Republican, Illinois and Democratic members of the committee which is in charge of the restaurant management, Mr. Aswell said four negroes had been noted eating in the restaurant during the past few days. The Louisiana member asked by whose authority the negroes were admitted and whether "this is to be the practice of your committee under the present administration."

"Gentlemen of the House," Mr. Aswell's letter continued, "should have this information now so they may know whether to keep their families, friends and themselves away."

Assurance is said to have been given that hereafter the restaurant would be restricted to white persons.

Hard Blow to Suff.

Leader of Missouri Women's Organization Defeated

by Negro

St. Louis, Dec. 24.—Miss Marie Ames, the legislative representative of the Missouri Women's Organization, was defeated for delegate to the constitutional convention by Benj. Bowles, a negro. The district includes a part of the exclusive residence sections.

The Marines must be careful to ask a man if he is a train robber before shooting him.

TRAITORS AND ENEMIES FREE FROM PRISON

Eugene V. Debs and Many Other Violators of Wartime Laws to Be Released Christmas Day

Washington, Dec. 23.—Eugene V. Debs, former Socialist candidate for president, serving a sentence of ten years at Atlanta penitentiary for violating the Espionage Act, and twenty-three other persons convicted on various charges of hindering the government during the war with Germany, received today from President Harding commutations of sentences to become effective Christmas Day. At the same time five former American soldiers serving life sentences pronounced by a military court for the murder of a British officer while serving with the American army on the Rhine received full pardons, effective Christmas Day.

The action was taken after the department of justice had studied apparently the cases of 197 persons serving sentences for violating war-time laws and after Attorney General Daugherty had discussed the situation at length with President Harding who was said to be desirous, if possible, of granting some pardons for Christmas. The commutations, it was explained, do not operate to restore citizenship lost by the felony convictions but the pardons do. Several of the civilian offenders will be deported to the European countries of their nativity, two are under observation at hospitals for insane and others are now out on paroles which were granted by President Wilson.

The commutations and pardons were announced personally by President Harding who took the action in accordance with the custom of extending clemency to federal offenders at the Christmas season.

The five soldiers given full pardons are: Carl J. Bryan, James A. O'Dell, Roy Youngblood, George Van Gilder and J. B. Richardson, all serving life terms to which they were sentenced while with the American army on the Rhine for the alleged killing of George Lancefield, a former British officer.

Among those whose sentences were commuted were: Charles Ashleigh, a former newspaperman, and a writer of poetry, who was convicted at Chicago for conspiracy under the Espionage Act and given a ten-year sentence. His sentence was commuted upon his agreement to accept deportation to England, the country of his nativity.

Premier is Optimistic

Japanese Head Sees Chance to Escape War

Paris, Dec. 23.—Premier Baron Takahashi of Japan is quoted by the Tokyo correspondent of the newspaper Excelsior as declaring: "The quadruple Entente which for Japan replaces the Anglo-Japanese alliance is much wider in bearing and removes all chances of war."

"I venture to say," he continued "that the Washington conference has opened a new epoch in the Pacific and the world. I not only believe that the Entente will result in making the Japanese people happier, because it will lighten their burdens, but further that by reason of the guarantee we obtain the position of Japan is strengthened in the Far East."

In regard to China, the premier was quoted as saying: "China is in an advanced stage of decomposition. It will be an unpleasant situation for Japan and a misfortune for China, if, as the result of her anarchy, she does not cooperate with the friendly powers seeking to bring about her unification."

Baron Takahashi characterized the report that Japan had designs on the French Indo-China as "an absurd fable which has no foundation in the past and will not have in the future."

Chicago Murderer Convicted

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Harvey Church, who is charged with the murder of two automobile salesmen, was found guilty and sentenced to death. Church killed Carl Asmus and Bernard Daugherty, when they delivered an automobile which he promised to buy.

Nine Killed by Storm

Memphis, Dec. 24.—Nine persons were killed, a number injured and property damage estimated at two hundred thousand dollars resulting from a wind storm sweeping over Crittendon county, Arkansas. The killed were caught under falling buildings.

New Niagara Power Canal

Niagara Falls, Dec. 24.—Water was turned into Chippawa Queens-town Power Canal of the Ontario Hydro-Electric commission today.

SOVIET GOLD OFFERED FOR RELIEF WORK

Moscow Bolsheviks Agree to Give Ten Million in Gold for Famine Sufferers

London, Dec. 24.—The Soviet government has agreed to give the American relief administration ten million dollars in gold to use in the purchase of food and seed in America for the Volga famine area.

White House Defends Four Power Treaty

President Harding Says He is More Than Satisfied With Work of United States Delegates

Washington, Dec. 23.—President Harding in a formal statement today declared that the differences of interpretation which have arisen over the four-power Pacific treaty are to his mind "unimportant" and that he was "more than satisfied" with the work of the delegates.

He also asserted that an unjustified charge had been made that the American delegation is "withholding information" and that he could not permit such a charge to be unchallenged.

Reverting to another feature of the fight that is being made against the treaty in the senate, Mr. Harding asserted that the pact contemplated no "alliance or entanglement." It is in full accord, he said, with cherished American traditions.

The president asked that "unimportant" controversies as to interpretation should not be permitted to obscure the major purpose of the treaty which, he said, was to preserve peace and to provide for a means of consultation when peace is threatened.

Dan Murphy's Case

Governor Cooper Wants to Pardon Murderer But He Prefers The Penitentiary.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 24.—Governor Cooper has not as yet pardoned Dan Murphy, though the pardon board Friday recommended that he be given a full pardon. The governor stated that he will not take action in the case immediately, in view of the fact that the aged prisoner recently stated that he did not want a pardon, and with the great amount of publicity Dan's case has been given, he prefers to wait awhile.

It is thought likely, however, that the governor will pardon Murphy. The chief magistrate, stated today that he would hardly let Murphy's statement that he doesn't want his freedom affect his course. Murphy was sent to the penitentiary more than quarter of a century ago for the murder of county treasurer Copes, in Orangeburg county. He has all along denied his guilt. He now says, however, that he doesn't want to leave the penitentiary, because the world is a quarter of a century ahead of him and he will never catch up.

Outbreak in Egypt

British Troops Rushed to Gizeh Where Mob Attacked British Office

Cairo, Egypt, Dec. 24.—A mob is reported to have attacked the government office in Gizeh, a suburb, and British troops have been rushed to the scene. Cairo is quiet.

The disorders were due to Egyptian Nationalist agitation, a number of students raided the government survey offices, but the troops subdued them. It is reported that five natives were killed and twenty wounded.

Another Conference Suggested

Italian Delegates Want One With Broader Scope

Washington, Dec. 23.—The Italian delegates have suggested that another conference of a broader scope be called to deal with submarines and auxiliary craft.

BRUTAL CRIME IN NEW JERSEY

New Brunswick, Dec. 23.—The mutilated body of Tessie Kucharski, aged five, was found packed in a suit case in the hotel where she was brought by a man claiming to be a grandfather. Death was due to strangulation with bed-ticking.

No cotton market today. Market closed until Tuesday, December 27th, for the observance of the holidays.

TROUBLE STARTING IN EGYPT

Two British Warships Rushing to Egypt And Others to Follow

Malta, Dec. 23.—Two British warships have been ordered to Egypt immediately. Other ships have been ordered to be ready to leave on short notice, on account of trouble with the Nationalists.

England Stands Alone Against Submarines

France, Italy and Japan For Undersea Boats—No Final Stand by America

Washington, Dec. 22.—Great Britain's plea that the submarine be banished from the seven seas was presented to the arms conference today, but it received no support from any other power.

In turn, the spokesmen of France, Italy and Japan replied that they regarded submarines, when properly employed, as a legitimate and valuable arm of naval strength, and were unprepared to see them abolished.

The American delegates took no final stand on the question, but suggested that the conference turn its efforts toward such a revision of international practices as would prevent a repetition of the ruthless submarine methods of the world war.

A further exchange of views on the British proposal will take place tomorrow unless France, whose representatives again are awaiting instructions from their premier, is prepared to go ahead with the delayed presentation of estimates for auxiliary craft she desires to keep under the naval reduction program.

New Bank in Spartanburg

Capital Stock of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars

Spartanburg, Dec. 22.—The Carolina National bank of Spartanburg, with a capital of \$200,000 and \$20,000 surplus, has been formally organized, according to announcement made tonight, with the following officers: President, William S. Glenn; vice president, Howard B. Carlisle and Arch. Calvert; cashier, J. Wilron Wilson.

Horrors of Russian Famine

More Than Two Hundred Dying Daily

Moscow, Dec. 23.—The death rate in the Russian famine district is increasing, over two hundred dying daily. The American relief workers are feeding over eight hundred thousand children. The European relief organization is feeding less than one hundred thousand.

GENERAL DIAZ WELCOMED HOME

Naples, Dec. 23.—General Diaz has returned home and was received with an enthusiastic welcome.

RUSSIAN DIAMOND SMUGGLERS CAPTURED

Berlin, Dec. 23.—Russian smugglers have been captured attempting to bring over the border precious stones hidden in black bread and switches, one sandwich being studded with diamonds valued at millions of marks.

WEIGHT OF CHILDREN

Washington, Dec. 23.—The federal children's bureau reports that American boys under six years of age average one-third to half inch taller and a pound heavier than girls. The negroes showed a deficiency as compared with whites.

SAILORS ANXIOUS FOR WORK

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 23.—Local seafaring men have asked the shipping corporation that they be sent to sea on vessels at half the current wage in cash and the other half in stock of the corporation.

RIVAL FOR JACK DEMPSEY'S TITLE

New York, Dec. 24.—Frank Rose, a Bohemian heavyweight, is suggested as a possible contender for Jack Dempsey's title as champion.

The Morse code requires a dash after each interval of financial activity.

BRITISH PLEA AGAINST USE OF SUBMARINES

Great War Proved That They Are Effective Against Non-Combatants Only

Washington, Dec. 22.—(By the Associated Press).—An 8,000 word communique by the armaments committee of the Washington conference after today's meeting was in the form of a paraphrase of the statement made by the delegation of each power with respect to the British proposal that submarines be abolished as a naval weapon. The argument of Lord Lee, of the British admiralty, came first. It stated the view of the British government to be "that what was required was not merely restrictions on submarines, but their total and final abolition."

Lord Lee presented the following estimates of respective submarine tonnage:

United States, \$3,500; Great Britain, 80,500; Japan, 32,200; France, 23,350; Italy, 18,250.

He pointed out that under the American proposal of 50,000 tons each for Great Britain and the United States and 54,000 for Japan, the United States could build 6,500 tons, Great Britain 9,500 and Japan 21,800, with the other two countries in proportion.

"He felt bound to say," the paraphrase continued, "that it seemed to him very strange to put before a conference on the limitation of naval armament proposals designed to foster and increase the type of war vessels which, according to the British view, was open to more objection than surface capital ships."

Lord Lee said friends of the submarine contended that it was a legitimate weapon of weaker powers and an effective and economical means of defense for coast lines and maritime communications. Such contentions could be challenged on technical grounds and "were clearly disproved by recent history," the paraphrase said.

Lord Lee declared that methods of location, detection and destruction of submarines had proceeded much further than the development of submarines themselves and greatly reduced the value of submarines against modern war craft. He said he believed Germany had used 375 U-boats in the war, of which 203 had been sunk and that the capacity of the U-boats in "legitimate naval warfare" had been "almost insignificant."

No less than 15,000,000 British troops had crossed and recrossed the English channel during the war and not one man had been lost from the action of submarines except on board hospital ships; the paraphrase declared. Later "some 2,000,000 United States troops had been brought across the Atlantic and the submarine had proved equally powerless," in their case, it added.

"In fact," the communique continued, in presenting Lord Lee's argument, "the U-boat whether considered as an offensive or a defensive weapon against any sort of organized naval force, had proved almost contemptible."

Taking up the arguments as to coast lines, Lord Lee pointed out that Great Britain alone had almost as much coast to defend as all of the other powers at the conference combined or "four times the circumference of the globe." In addition, he added, Great Britain had the longest trade route to protect.

"It was partly because our experience had shown that they were not effective that we were ready to abandon submarines," Lord Lee said. "The late war had made it abundantly clear that the greatest peril to maritime communication was the submarine, and that particularly in the case of a country which had so much command of the sea on the surface. Hence, it was to the interest of any such power to get rid of this terrible menace."

Lord Lee asserted that submarines had "achieved real success" against merchant ships only and made the following summary of what German submarines had accomplished against mercantile vessels in the war:

"No less than 12,000,000 tons of shipping had been sunk, of a value of \$1,000,000,000 apart from their cargo. Over 20,000 noncombatants, men, women and children, had been drowned. It is true that this action had been undertaken in violation of all laws both human and divine. The German excuse for it had been its effectiveness. They had used the same argument as in the case of poison gas which had set a precedent which appeared likely to endure for all time now that nations had been driven to resort to it."

Lord Lee argued that the submarine menace could be banished only by total abolition from the sea, adding that this was the intention of the treaty of Versailles, which forbade Germany to construct submarines for any purpose.

You can tell we are a nation of idealists. The heroine of the novel may be poor and ignorant, but she always has shapely ankles.